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August 13, 2010

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Dear Chief Meyer:

On August 12, 2010 the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) conducted a quarterly site visit of Sacramento County's Youth Detention Facility (YDF), pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code §209(e). I was met and assisted at the facility by Chief Deputy John Green. The purpose of this letter is to relate CSA's assessment of the totality of conditions of the facility during our visit.

There were eleven units open with a total population of 226 minors, below the facility's current rated capacity (RC) of 327. The enclosed graph documents YDF's highest population each month for the last 2 years. The graph illustrates the population impact of the recent closure of the Boys' Ranch and the conclusion of the contract with Yolo County. In addition to monitoring facility-wide population, CSA staff track the population of each housing unit. The monthly population data submitted by the facility has demonstrated that the population of individual living units has been below RC since April 12, 2007.

CSA staff toured each of the housing units, confirming population and noting staffing levels and conditions of confinement. We were pleased to see that the refurbishing of the gymnasium was complete and the facility is now in use. We toured the recently operational remodeled kitchen area with Food Service Program Manager, Kent Jacobs and made note of additional office space that has been created. Although the timing of our visit allowed few interviews with youth, we spoke with staff and reviewed unit activity logs. Our observations and conversations supported our March inspection results which indicated that minors had access to required services and were knowledgeable of the grievance and disciplinary processes.

The CSA Board has asked that updates on crowding at YDF be presented every 6 months. Sacramento was last on the CSA Board agenda on March 11, 2010 and is scheduled to appear again at the September 9, 2010 meeting. Based on our visit of August 12, 2010 and data received,

we will report to the CSA Board that Sacramento County's YDF remains suitable for the confinement of minors. Please continue to file population reports. In the event that the population levels of YDF exceed the totals established in the April 27, 2007 Suitability Plan, CSA will initiate the process for determining if the facility is suitable for the confinement of minors as described in W&I §209(e).

CSA staff continue to be available to you for technical assistance if requested.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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